

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

February 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

IAC Offices, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jeffrey Kirk, Chair

Minutes

Members present: None

Members present via teleconference: Gilberto Cárdenas, Donna Catalano, Karen Ellerbrook, Jonathan Ford (ex officio), Jeffrey Kirk

Members absent: Linda Goad, Richard Stifel, Trevor Yager

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci

Guests: IAC Commissioner Suzie Rentschler

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Jeff Kirk convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Review of Agenda and December 2011 minutes.** Due to the lack of a quorum present, no action was taken. Minutes from the December 9, 2011 meeting of the Committee on the Future will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the full Commission on March 16, 2012.

3. **2012 Year-to-Date Financials.** IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2012 IAC budget through February 1, 2012.

4. **Monitoring Strategic Plan Implementation.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) containing excerpts from the IAC Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016, and showing the strategies which had been planned for the first year of implementation. He then reviewed the three objectives and noted the progress made on each.

The first objective was “advancing the role of the arts in public education and personal development”. Progress for this objective includes plans for a technical assistance seminar on intellectual property law, to be held at Valparaiso University; another technical assistance seminar covering underserved populations is being planned in conjunction with the Joyce Foundation, the Ohio Arts Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs; third, a research project is underway in conjunction with Purdue University to document the correlation between high school arts training and success at college.

The second objective was “building stronger arts organizations”. Progress for this objective includes planning assistance for statewide arts service organizations to enable such organizations to successfully apply for public funding; also planned is a needs assessment project, to be conducted in conjunction with the Indiana University School for Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA); also planned is a Commission review of grant allocation parity for organizations around the state.

The third objective was “developing stronger communities through arts partnerships”. Progress for this objective includes plans for consultancies by the Ball State Building Better Communities program, for communities in Indiana that want to promote local arts or desire to become one of Indiana’s designated cultural districts.

Mr. Ricci reminded the committee of its previous discussion about assigning particular Commissioners to monitor particular aspects of the Strategic Plan throughout the life of the plan.

5. Emeritus Commissioner Planning Session Outcomes. Mr. Ricci reviewed the Emeritus Commissioner gathering which was held on December 9, 2011. From responses he received from the former Commissioners, he reported that, as a group, they would like to receive consistent communication from IAC about its programs; they also would like to have periodic involvement in IAC; thirdly, they would like to attend an annual gathering. Mr. Ricci reported that the next Emeritus Gathering is being planned around the September 14 meeting of the full Commission in Columbus.

6. NEA Review. Mr. Ricci and IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson attended the grant review panel meeting for Indiana’s application for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Mr. Ricci reported that the panel was very complimentary about the IAC application.

Old Business. IAC Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook asked if current Commissioners are responding better to meeting announcements and attendance at meetings. Mr. Ricci replied that there are still concerns about having a quorum present when action items are on the agenda. He reported that a bill is going through the legislature, currently in session, which, if passed, would allow more flexibility for electronic meetings to be convened, including the validity of roll-call votes in some cases. Ms. Ellerbrook announced that she and Mr. Ricci have arranged a personal meeting with the leadership of the Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis. This meeting is being arranged as a result of Lilly Endowment’s participation in two Foundation and Business Roundtable meetings sponsored by IAC in 2011.

7. Adjourn. Mr. Kirk thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.